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Jews In Lincoln Campaigns

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The 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth recalls the numerous political contests in which his Jewish friends took a prominent part. Already in 1854 he was intimately associated with Abraham Jonas, of Quincy, Ill., in shaping the politics of that State. The future President, on a visit to that city on one occasion, passed a night with Jonas, and during the memorable debates with Douglas, Jonas, as chairman of the Republican committee, figured prominently in the reception of Lincoln in that town and entertaining him in his office, where Lincoln did much of his work. One of Lincoln's earliest appointments after his first inauguration was that of Jonas to the postmastership of Quincy, which office he held for three years. He died while holding this office.

Another citizen of Illinois close to Lincoln before his election to the Presidency was Henry Greenbaum, of Chicago, who on one occasion accompanied Lincoln on a walk and was asked to support his candidacy for United States Senator against Douglas.

In the Presidential campaign of 1860 Sigmund Kanfman, a prominent New York lawyer, was Presidential elector on the Republican ticket of 1860. Moritz Pinner, of Missouri, and Lewis N. Dembitz, of Kentucky, were delegates to the Republican national convention of 1860. Maier Hirsch, of Oregon, was a delegate from Oregon to the Republican national convention in 1864.

In the city of New York we find frequent newspaper mention of Abram Dittenhofer, Morris Friedman, Philip Frankenheimer and J. Solis Ritterband occurring during the campaign of 1860, in the promotion of Lincoln's candidacy. Shortly before the election Michael Solomons united with Charles O'Connor, Samuel J. Tilden and fifteen other citizens of note, in public called for subscriptions to meet the general expenses incurred in the contest for the defeat of Lincoln and Hamlin.

Prominently associated with the

German Democracy in opposition to Lincoln's candidacy was Leopold Baumburger, a well-known merchant. An organization styling itself "The

great majority of co-religionists, in a public meeting at Kinds Hotel, in Ludlow street, denounced the organization, repudiated its chairman, and

lowed. Emanuel B. Hart, surveyor of the Port of New York by appointment of President Buchanan, while interested in the defeat of Lin-

six months after Lincoln's inauguration, in recognition of his efficient and valuable services.

Immediately after Lincoln's election Myer Jacobs, for thirty years prominent in political and military affairs in South Carolina, and then occupying the office of Surveyor of the Port of Charleston since 1847, announced in the *Charleston Courier* that he would not hold the office of Surveyor or any other office under a black Republican. He was retained in the office under the Confederacy by appointment of President Davis. Henry M. Hyams, Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana, about this time offered his services to the Governor of his native State. He was a Democratic leader and went to Louisiana with Judah P. Benjamin. W. W. Mordecai took part in a meeting of the citizens of Mobile, who put on record that they should not submit to the election of Lincoln. Franklin J. Moses, later Chief Justice of South Carolina, introduced a resolution in the Senate of South Carolina providing that the Committee on Federal Resolutions be instructed to report a bill providing for a convention of the people of the State to consider the question of secession. Benjamin Mordecai, as soon as South Carolina passed the ordinance of secession, sent \$20,000 to the Governor of the State, this being the first subscription to the Confederate cause.

The merchants of Columbus, Ga., published a card in the *Daily Times* of that city, on November 24, which announced in substance that amid the discord and confusion disturbing the public mind, politically and commercially, they were utterly opposed to any measures having for their object any release from or abatement of their obligations as debtors at home or abroad. This announcement was given wide publicity in the Northern press. Among the signers were I. C. Moses, Hall, Moses & Co., and S. Heinenman.

Appended to an address to the business men of New York, and pub-



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Democratic Hebrew General Committee." J. Rosenberg, chairman, sprung up during this campaign. The

announced themselves as utterly opposed to bringing their religion into politics, and its disintegration for

coln, pursued during the campaign a course so conservative and tacit, as to secure his retention in office for

